# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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POSTAL SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to engage rural unemployed youths in providing postal facilities in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to engage private courier services in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): Under the existing scheme for providing basic postal facilities to villages without a post office, through a person nominated by the Gram Panchayat, any matriculate between 18 and 62 years of age with good moral character and no criminal record can be considered by the Gram Panchayat for appointment as Sanchar Kendra Agent for a fixed monthly allowance for providing counter services, and a fixed commission for rendering other additional services.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.